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Applicant filed the above-identified application on August 18, 2003, but has not yet received an official Filing Receipt. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when an official Filing Receipt is expected to issue on this application.

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